
MSFC Safety *Bulletins*

Slips, Trips, and Falls

What Happened:

An employee tripped and fell as she was walking from her car to the entrance of building 4203. Unable to regain her composure, she fell to the pavement and injured her nose and face.

Outcome of the Investigation:

The employee got out of her automobile and was walking to the building carrying a purse in one hand and a canvas bag in the other. She was wearing flat, rubber sole shoes. The employee tripped over a slight elevation change in the asphalt of the parking lot and fell, hitting her face on the pavement.

What you can do:

- Use parking lot sidewalks and designated crosswalks when provided.
- Be aware that some crepe or rubber soles tend to stick to pavement if feet are not lifted completely when walking.
- Pay attention to the surface on which you are walking, looking out for cracks, uneven walkways and obstacles in the path.
- Dial 911 to report such accidents so that proper procedures are mobilized to care for and transport the injured person, clean up blood spills, etc.